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SUBJECT: Attendance at National Security Council Meetings

1. The President has indicated to me that he wishes attendance at NSC Meetings kept to the minimum level necessary to enable free group discussion.

2. To achieve this result:

a. The following persons will attend NSC Meetings and sit at the Table: the 6 Statutory Members; the 2 Standing-request Members; the 3 Advisers (The Chairman JCS; the DCI; Special Assistant Rockefeller); the 3 Secretariat; and other agency heads invited ad hoc for a particular item.

b. The Chairman of the Council on Foreign Economic Policy will attend NSC Meetings, and may sit at the Table as an Adviser, for any agenda item which in his opinion affects his area of responsibility.

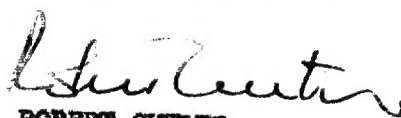
c. In order that any of the following may be in a position to request an ad hoc invitation for some item of direct concern to him, advance agenda will be circulated to: the Attorney General; the Chairman, AEC; the Federal Civil Defense Administrator; the Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; the Director, USIA.

d. The Service Secretaries and the Chiefs of Staff will present requests for ad hoc invitations through the Secretary of Defense.

e. The Assistant to the President or the Deputy Assistant to the President, and Colonel Goodpaster, may attend any Meeting as Observers.

f. Other than in cases of visual or specialized presentation or by express Presidential permission (granted to the Secretary of State and to the Secretary of Defense for one observer each), a person attending an NSC Meeting will not bring supporting personnel.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: *Mr. Allen D. Dulles*

The attached restatement brings down to date the President's instructions on attendance at National Security Council Meetings.

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